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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

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FROM

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Edward W. Proctor
Acting CIA Member, USIB

SUBJECT

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1. This is in response to the request for comments on the proposed [Redacted] circulated at the USIB Meeting of 15 April 1976.

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2. As Acting CIA Member of USIB, I have one serious problem with the proposal: the designation of the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community as the Vice Chairman of the new National Foreign Intelligence Board.

3. A review of the function of the NFIB clearly shows that the Board is to deal almost exclusively with the substance of intelligence. It is to coordinate national intelligence; improve relations with consumers; establish substantive requirements, priorities and objectives; provide operational guidance for collection systems; deal with the protection of sources and methods; and develop policies regarding liaison with foreign governments. None of these responsibilities is the primary concern of the Community Deputy. Below the level of the DCI himself, all are the primary concerns of the CIA and other production and collection elements.

4. If the Community Deputy is the Vice Chairman, there are some very practical considerations. First, the proposed staffing pattern for the Intelligence Community Staff does not provide for a staff to provide substantive support to the Community Deputy on the

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functions enumerated [redacted] If he is to draw his support from his staff, then it would have to be expanded greatly and would duplicate capabilities which already exist in other parts of the Community. If he is not to draw on his staff for this support, the question remains as to how this will be done and where it will come from.

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5. Furthermore, there is the question of how wide a scope of activity any Community Deputy will be able to handle. His primary responsibilities are clearly concerned with tasks like the allocation of resources, preparation of the budget and proposals for large and costly new projects. Even if the procedures for these tasks were fully developed and had been operating for several years, these tasks would be very demanding. But as things stand now, he has to develop these procedures and implement them. He should not be diverted to other kinds of tasks.

6. In terms of the congruence of the functions of the Board and the primary responsibilities of his position, the logic of the situation would be to designate the CIA Deputy as the Vice Chairman of the NFIB. There would be no need for any special arrangements or increased staffing, if the CIA Deputy is the Vice Chairman.

7. On this basis, the Acting CIA Member of USIB, with the full agreement of the four Deputy Directors of CIA, recommends that the Deputy to the DCI for CIA be designated the Vice Chairman of USIB.

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Edward W. Proctor

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I believe this can be handled by having CIA Deputy act for DCI. on info. production matter - USIB - conclusion, agenda preparation - already done by D

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